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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
TADASHI OKAMOTO, et al.)	Examiner: Joyce Tung
Application No.: 09/764,050)	Group Art Unit: 1637
Filed: January 19, 2001)	
For: DETECTION/QUANTIFICATION)	
OF TARGETED NUCLEOTIDE)	
CHAINS, AND DETECTION/)	
QUANTIFICATION OF)	
MULTI-FOLD NUCLEOTIDE)	
CHAINS BY FLUORESCENCE)	December 17, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2003, for three months, from September 17, 2003 to December 17, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$950.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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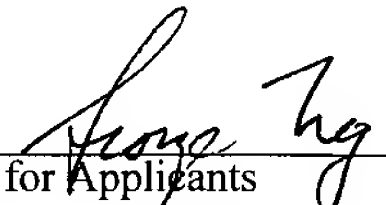
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December 17, 2003

Date of Signature

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
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